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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: KENT D. ELLIS ET AL.  
APPLICATION No.: 10/657,809  
FILED: September 8, 2003  
FOR: HEATING PAD SYSTEMS, SUCH AS  
FOR PATIENT WARMING  
APPLICATIONS

EXAMINER: VINOD D. PATEL  
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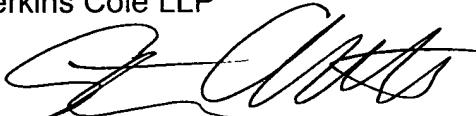
Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed April 6, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15-29, 33, and 64-84. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,  
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